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1. AID CONTRACT GRAIN MONITOR GLATTE HAS COMPLETED WEEK'S SURVEY DISPOSITION AIRLIFTED GRAIN TO ZOUAR AND FAYA LARGEAU. GLATTE HAD PREVIOUSLY VISITED ZOUAR WITH AIRLIFT, AND DISCUSSED GRAIN STORAGE AND DISPOSITION WITH LOCAL MILITARY COMMANDER. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT VISIT ZOUAR FOLLOWING END AIRLIFT DUE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS, HE DID DISCUSS SUBSEQUENT DISTRIBUTIONS WITH ZOUAR MILITARY COMMANDER BY RADIO TELEPHONE FROM FAYA LARGEAU. LATTER PREPARED AT GLATTE'S REQUEST AND WITH ENDORSEMENT B.E.T. PREFET AT FAYA WRITTEN SUMMARY OF DISTRIBUTIONS WHICH FORMS BASIS REPORT ON ZOUAR. GLATTE RECEIVED EXCELLENT COOPERATION ALL LOCAL OFFICIALS AND COMPLETE ACCESS ALL RECORDS NOT ONLY FOR CURRENT AIRLIFT BUT FOR DISPOSITION LAST YEAR'S GRAIN. IN BRIEF, GLATTE FOUND GRAIN NEEDED AND BEING DISTRIBUTED IN ZOUAR, MINIMAL CURRENT NEEDS AND DISTRIBUTION IN FAYA LARGEAU, WITH MOST GRAIN LATTER BEING STORED FOR FUTURE DISTRIBUTION. GRAIN IN GOOD CONDITION, ADEQUATELY STORED, WITH SPOILAGE AND PILFERAGE AT MINIMUM. GLATTE EXPECTS SURVEY GRAIN AT THIRD

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B.E.T. DESTINATION, FADA O/A OCT 16, BY WHICH TIME 100 TONS OF

GOC-REQUESTED 300 TONS WILL HAVE BEEN DELIVERED. GIVEN SUPPLIES GRAIN SURPLUS CURRENT NEEDS AT FAYA, KING GRAIN COMMANDER HAS BEEN REQUESTED TERMINATE DELIVERIES FADA WHEN DELIVERY 100 TONS COMPLETED. AT NEXT MEETING GOC DROUGHT COORDINATOR, IT WILL BE SUGGESTED THAT ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FADA, IF ANY, BE MET BY SURFACE TRANSFER FROM FAYA LARGEAU WITH REMAINING 200 TONS ORIGINALLY DESTINED FOR FADA TO BE DELIVERED CENTRAL CHAD AIRLIFT POINTS AS DESIRED BY GOC.

2. ZOUAR SUB-PREFECTURE: 199 TONS DELIVERED. ABOUT 39.5 METRIC TONS (867 SACKS) DISTRIBUTED IN SEVEN DISTRIBUTIONS IN ZOUAR FROM SEPT 26 THROUGH OCT 10 AFTER WORD SENT OUT BY PATROL TO OUTLYING COMMUNITIES. GRAIN DISTRIBUTED TO 320 FAMILIES, INCLUDING 812 CHILDREN (123 FAMILIES LISTED AS HAVING NO CHILDREN). GRAIN DISTRIBUTED FIRST TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, THEN THOSE WITHOUT. TOTAL NUMBER RECIPIENT ESTIMATED AT 1200 TO 1500.

3. FAYA LARGEAU: 502 METRIC TONS DELIVERED (11,044 SACKS). 140 SACKS (6.7 TONS) TORN OR DAMAGED BETWEEN PALLET DROP FROM AIRPLANE AND ARRIVAL AT STORAGE AREA, GRAIN NOT LOST WAS DISTRIBUTED ON SPOT. 50 SACKS (2.3 TONS) PILFERED, PRESUMABLY BY PRISONERS AND/OR TRUCKERS BEFORE ARRIVAL AT STORAGE SITE; APPROXIMATELY 7 TONS DISTRIBUTED TO BOUBOU REFUGEES FROM BARDAL, AND ANOTHER 3.0 TONS EARMARKED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO PRISONERS. REMAINING STOCKS OF 467.3 TONS (PERSONALLY COUNTED SACK BY SACK BY MONITOR AT INSISTENCE OF PREFET TO DISPEL ANY RUMORS POSSIBLE SALE OR RETURN TO SOUTHERN MARKETS) STORED IN WALLED AREAS UNDER GUARD. PREFET AGREED SHADE STOCKS WITH MATS PREVENT SUN DAMAGE TO BAGS. PREFET ANTICIPATES MAY DISTRIBUTE SMALL AMOUNTS POOREST SECTORS OF POPULATION COMING WEEKS, BUT EXPECTS RESERVE MAJOR PORTION STOCKS FOR DISTRIBUTION DURING "HUNGRY SEASON" BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY, ENDING APRIL OR MAY. MAINTAINS THAT IF DISTRIBUTED NOW, RECIPIENTS MIGHT SELL OR AT BEST WOULD PERSONALLY STORE. HAD RESERVE STOCKS 100 TONS OTHER GRAINS ON HAND WHICH WERE DISTRIBUTED PRIOR AIRLIFT. FIVE MEMBER COMMITTEE CONSISTING MEMBERS GOC, MNRCS, LOCAL AND TRIBAL AUTHORITIES, AND MILITARY OVERSEE DISTRIBUTION IN EACH OF THIRTEEN DISTRIBUTION POINTS OF BORKU SUB-PREFECTURE. PREFET ALLEGES PROPOSED TIMING DISTRIBUTION SAME AS HAS BEEN FOLLOWED FOR DONATIONS IN PAST AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECORDS SHOWN MONITOR OF LAST YEAR APPEAR BEAR THIS OUT. HE GAVE NO INDICATION HE HAD RECEIVED FROM NDJAMENA ANY INSTRUCTIONS WHICH WOULD COUNTERMAND HIS INTENDED DISTRIBUTION PLANS (REFTEL). AFTER NUMEROUS CONVERSATIONS LOCAL INHABITANTS AND PERSONAL OBSERVATION MARKET, MONITOR CONCLUDED PROCEEDS SALE DATES NOW BEING MARKETED SUFFICIENT PROVIDE GREAT MAJORITY POPULATION MEANS PURCHASE MILLET WHICH IN ADEQUATE SUPPLY. PRESENCE US SORGHUM ALMOST CERTAINLY FACTOR IN KEEPING COMMERCIAL PRICES CEREALS

MODERATE, LOWER.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE PROBABLY PUT ABOUT 400 METRIC TONS MORE GRAIN INTO THE B.E.T. THAN WAS NEEDED ON AN URGENT BASIS. GOC AUTHORITIES FULLY AWARE OF AND HAD CONCURRED IN THE PROPOSED MONITORING SYSTEM BEFORE AIRLIFT BEGAN, AND, INDEED, B.E.T. PREFET HAD ATTENDED MEETING AT WHICH GOC DROUGHT COORDINATOR DJONOUA HAD PROMISED FULL COOPERATION WITH MONITOR (NDJANENA 2324). WHY THEN GOC AUTHORITIES IN NDJAMENA HAVE INSISTED UPON THIS DISTRIBUTION PATTERN, AND SPECIOUSLY CONTINUED TO INSIST NEED WAS URGENT IN FAYA LARGEAU, REMAINS UNCLEAR. THE SIMPLEST EXPLANATION, AND PROBABLY THE CORRECT ONE, IS THAT THEY DETERMINED USE AIRLIFT PUT RESERVES FOR FUTURE USE IN REMOATE AREAS WHERE POLITICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL FACTORS MADE SURFACE DISTRIBUTION RISKY AND, FOR THEM, EXPENSIVE. (EXTRAPOLATING THE CURVE OF PAST LOCAL INEPTITUDE INTO THE FUTURE, THERE IS A CERTAIN CHADIAN LOGIC TO THIS.) WE ARE AT LEAST REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT LOCAL CONTROL IN B.E.T. IS GOOD, THAT SORGHUM WILL BE EATEN IN NEXT FEW MONTHS IF NOT IMMEDIATELY, AND, GIVEN NORTHERN PREFERENCE FOR MILLET WHEN AVAILABLE, PEOPLE WHO EAT SORGHUM WILL BE PEOPLE IN NEED. AT SAME TIME, NOW THAT WEATHER PERMITS AIRLIFT INTO CENTRAL CHAD WHERE NEED KNOWN BE GREATEST, WE MUST OBVIOUSLY INSIST ON REMAINING EFFORTS BEING CONCENTRATED IN THIS AREA. ELIMINATION FADA FROM FLIGHTS AFTER DELIVERY 100 TONS COMPLETED, INCIDENTALTY, SHOULD ENABLE REMAINING TONNAGE TO BE DELIVERED MORE QUICKLY.
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